REMARKS

In the specification, the title has been amended and a cross-reference to a related application has been inserted.

Claims 1-35 are pending in the above-identified application.

Claims 1-35 are canceled.

Claims 36-45 were previously canceled.

Claims 46-76 are newly added.

Claims 1-35 are canceled without prejudice to reintroducing the subject matter of the claims in the instant application or in future continuation, continuation-in-part, or divisional application(s), if any.

Title

Regarding item 3 of the Office Action, the title has been amended to reflect the subject matter of the new claims.

Specification

Regarding item 4 of the Office Action, a cross-reference perfecting Applicants' claim (made in the previously filed Declaration and Power of Attorney for Patent Application) to benefit of priority from a prior-filed application has been added as the Examiner kindly requested.

Claim Rejections

Regarding items 5 to 12 of the Office Action, Claims 1-35 are canceled, rendering their rejections moot.

Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement

Applicants herein make available to the Patent and Trademark Office a machine translation into English of Sato (JP 8-143568 A2), which is cited by Applicants in the enclosed Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement. Also cited in the enclosed

Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement are U.S. Patent Numbers 5,948,780 and 6,008,243.

The U.S. patents were cited in a previous information disclosure statement in the instant application, but their entries in the previous statement were not initialed by the Examiner as having been considered. Copies of the cited U.S. patents are not provided, as the undersigned understands that the Patent and Trademark Office no longer wants to receive them. However, Applicants would willingly provide copies should the Examiner requests them.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider carefully the complete text of the cited references in connection with the examination of the above-identified application in accord with 37 CFR §1.104(a).

It is respectfully requested that all cited references considered by the Examiner be listed in the "References Cited" portion of any patent issuing from the instant application (MPEP § 1302.12).

Applicant also bring to the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office the copending U.S. nonprovisional applications and the granted U.S. patent identified on the enclosed document titled, "Attachment A."

Conclusion

Applicants respectfully request entry of the above amendments to the specification and claims and consideration of new Claims 46-76.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees that may be required, or credit any overpayment, to deposit account number 23-0455.

The undersigned would welcome a telephone call from the Examiner to discuss any matters related to this case that the Examiner thinks are amenable to resolution by such discussion.

Respectfully submitted,

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ATTACHMENT A

(1) CO-PENDING U.S. NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATIONS:

APPLICANT: Dyer, et al. SERIAL NO.: 10/071,032

FILING DATE: February 8, 2002

TITLE: Bicyclic pyrimidine matrix metalloproteinase inhibitors

APPLICANT'S DOCKET NO.: A0000425-01-CFP

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APPLICANT: Barvian, et al.

SERIAL NO.: 10/075,918

FILING DATE: February 13, 2002

TITLE: Isophthalic acid derivatives as matrix metalloproteinase inhibitors

APPLICANT'S DOCKET NO.: A0000426-01-CFP

APPLICANT: Li, et al.

SERIAL NO.: 10/075,073

FILING DATE: February 13, 2002

TITLE: Fused pyrimidinone matrix metalloproteinase inhibitors

APPLICANT'S DOCKET NO.: A0000428-01-CFP

APPLICANT: Andrianjara, et al.

SERIAL NO.: 10/075,069

FILING DATE: February 13, 2002

TITLE: Matrix metalloproteinase inhibitors

APPLICANT'S DOCKET NO.: A0000434-01-CFP

APPLICANT: Andrianjara, et al.

SERIAL NO.: 10/075,954

FILING DATE: February 13, 2002

TITLE: Quinazolines as MMP inhibitors

APPLICANT'S DOCKET NO.: A0000476-01-CFP

APPLICANT: Andrianjara, et al.

SERIAL NO.: 10/075,654

FILING DATE: February 14, 2002

TITLE: Triazolo compounds as MMP inhibitors

APPLICANT'S DOCKET NO.: A0000477-01-CFP

APPLICANT: Barvian, et al.

SERIAL'NO.: 10/075,909

FILING DATE: February 13, 2002

TITLE: Pyrimidine matrix metalloproteinase inhibitors

APPLICANT'S DOCKET NO.: A0000517-01-CFP

APPLICANT: Barvian, et al.

SERIAL NO.: 10/071,073

FILING DATE: February 8, 2002

TITLE: Pyridine matrix metalloproteinase inhibitors

APPLICANT'S DOCKET NO.: A0000518-01-CFP

APPLICANT: Sorenson

SERIAL NO.: 10/224,234

FILING DATE: August 20, 2002

TITLE: Diacid substituted heteroaryl derivatives as matrix metalloproteinase

inhibitors

APPLICANT'S DOCKET NO.: PC20500A

APPLICANT: Bunker, et al.

SERIAL NO.: 10/264,764

FILING DATE: October 4, 2002

TITLE: Alkyne matrix metalloproteinase inhibitors

APPLICANT'S DOCKET NO.: PC20536A

APPLICANT: Gaudilliere, et al.

SERIAL NO.: 10/269,197

FILING DATE: October 11, 2002

TITLE: Alkynylated fused ring pyrimidine compounds

APPLICANT'S DOCKET NO.: PC21006A

APPLICANT: Gaudilliere, et al.

SERIAL NO.: 10/384,115

FILING DATE: March 7, 2003

TITLE: Oxo-azabicyclic compounds

APPLICANT'S DOCKET NO.: PC21011A

APPLICANT: Gaudilliere, et al.

SERIAL NO.: 10/417,073 (C-I-P of 10/384,115)

FILING DATE: April 16, 2003

TITLE: Oxo-azabicyclic compounds

APPLICANT'S DOCKET NO.: PC21011B

APPLICANT: Gaudilliere, et al.

SERIAL NO.: 10/602,160

FILING DATE: June 24, 2003

TITLE: Thiazine and oxazine derivatives as MMP-13 inhibitors

APPLICANT'S DOCKET NO.: PC25079A

APPLICANT: Johnson

SERIAL NO.: 10/634,531

FILING DATE: August 5, 2003

TITLE: Cyclic compounds containing zinc binding groups as matrix

metalloproteinase inhibitors

APPLICANT'S DOCKET NO.: PC25201A

APPLICANT: Bunker, et al.

SERIAL NO.: 10/634,709

FILING DATE: August 5, 2003

TITLE: Hetero biaryl derivatives as matrix metalloproteinase inhibitors

APPLICANT'S DOCKET NO.: PC25236A

APPLICANT: Wilson

SERIAL NO.: 10/634,162

FILING DATE: August 5, 2003

TITLE: Fused bicyclic metalloproteinase inhibitors

APPLICANT'S DOCKET NO.: PC25239A

APPLICANT: Bunker, et al.

SERIAL NO.: 10/634,473

FILING DATE: August 5, 2003

TITLE: Isoquinoline derivatives as matrix metalloproteinase inhibitors

APPLICANT'S DOCKET NO.: PC25243A

APPLICANT: Bunker, et al.

SERIAL NO.: 10/634,289

FILING DATE: August 5, 2003

TITLE: Azaisoquinoline derivatives as matrix metalloproteinase inhibitors

APPLICANT'S DOCKET NO.: PC25244A

APPLICANT: Bunker, et al.

SERIAL NO.: 10/634,180

FILING DATE: August 5, 2003

TITLE: 3-Isoquinolinone derivatives as matrix metalloproteinase inhibitors

APPLICANT'S DOCKET NO.: PC25245A

APPLICANT: Hicks, et al.

SERIAL NO.: 10/634,712

FILING DATE: August 5, 2003

TITLE: 6,6-Fused heteroaryl derivatives as matrix metalloproteinase inhibitors

APPLICANT'S DOCKET NO.: PC25247A

APPLICANT: Li

SERIAL NO.: 10/634,181

FILING DATE: August 5, 2003

TITLE: Fused tetrahydropyridine derivatives as matrix metalloproteinase

inhibitors

APPLICANT'S DOCKET NO.: PC25250A

APPLICANT: Roark

SERIAL NO.: 10/634,489

FILING DATE: August 5, 2003

TITLE: 5,6-Fused uracil derivatives as matrix metalloproteinase inhibitors

APPLICANT'S DOCKET NO.: PC25260A

APPLICANT: Roark

SERIAL NO.: 10/634,420

FILING DATE: August 5, 2003

TITLE: 1,6-Fused uracil derivatives as matrix metalloproteinase inhibitors

APPLICANT'S DOCKET NO.: PC25261A

APPLICANT: Nahra, et al.

SERIAL NO.: 10/634,716

FILING DATE: August 5, 2003

TITLE: 5,6-Fused 3,4-dihydropyrimidine-2-one derivatives as matrix

metalloproteinase inhibitors

APPLICANT'S DOCKET NO.: PC25266A

APPLICANT: O'Brien

SERIAL NO.: 10/634,288

FILING DATE: August 5, 2003

TITLE: 3,4-Dihydroquinolin-2-one, 5,6-fused oxazin-3-one, and 5,6-fused

thiazin-3-one derivatives as matrix metalloproteinase inhibitors

APPLICANT'S DOCKET NO.: PC25268A

APPLICANT: Nahra, et al.

SERIAL NO.: 10/634,717

FILING DATE: August 5, 2003

TITLE: Phthalimide derivatives as matrix metalloproteinase inhibitors

APPLICANT'S DOCKET NO.: PC25271A

APPLICANT: Wilson

SERIAL NO.: 10/634,177

FILING DATE: August 5, 2003

TITLE: Pyridine fused bicyclic metalloproteinase inhibitors

APPLICANT'S DOCKET NO.: PC25272A

APPLICANT: Wilson

SERIAL NO.: 10/634,290

FILING DATE: August 5, 2003

TITLE: Pyrimidine fused bicyclic metalloproteinase inhibitors

APPLICANT'S DOCKET NO.: PC25273A

APPLICANT: Li

SERIAL NO.: 10/634,182

FILING DATE: August 5, 2003

TITLE: Naphthalene derivatives as matrix metalloproteinase inhibitors

APPLICANT'S DOCKET NO.: PC25274A

APPLICANT: Hicks, et al.

SERIAL NO.: 10/634,419

FILING DATE: August 5, 2003

TITLE: Pyrimidine-2,4-dione derivatives as matrix metalloproteinase inhibitors

APPLICANT'S DOCKET NO.: PC25286A

APPLICANT: Picard

SERIAL NO.: 10/634,713

FILING DATE: August 5, 2003

TITLE: Monocyclic derivatives as matrix metalloproteinase inhibitors

APPLICANT'S DOCKET NO.: PC25298A

APPLICANT: Picard, et al.

SERIAL NO.: 10/634,225

FILING DATE: August 5, 2003

TITLE: Pyrimidinone fused bicyclic metalloproteinase inhibitors

APPLICANT'S DOCKET NO.: PC25300A

APPLICANT: Ortwine

SERIAL NO.: 10/634,718

FILING DATE: August 5, 2003

TITLE: Chromone derivatives as matrix metalloproteinase inhibitors

APPLICANT'S DOCKET NO.: PC25319A

APPLICANT: Bunker, et al.

SERIAL NO.: 10/739,261

FILING DATE: December 18, 2003

TITLE: Amide and ester matrix metalloproteinase inhibitors

APPLICANT'S DOCKET NO.: PC25567A

(2) GRANTED U.S. PATENT:

APPLICANT: Picard, et al.

PATENT NO.: 6,656,932

GRANT DATE: December 2, 2003

TITLE: Benzo thiadiazine matrix metalloproteinase inhibitors

APPLICANT'S DOCKET NO.: A0000489-01-CFP